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Mr. David Heath  
The Center for Public Integrity  
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Washington, DC 20006

**Re: Freedom of Information Act Request HQ-FOI-02037-12**

Dear Mr. Heath:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requested dated September 21, 2012, requesting "an audio recording of the May 12, 2011, public peer review meeting for the IRIS assessment of hexavalent chromium...also requesting a copy of any transcript of the meeting."

Your request was assigned to the Office of Research and Development's (ORD), National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA). There was no audio recording or transcript from the hexavalent chromium meeting. But, there is a peer review summary report prepared by the contractor that is publicly available on the IRIS website. Here is the link:  
[http://ofmpub.epa.gov/eims/eimscomm.getfile?p\\_download\\_id=502646](http://ofmpub.epa.gov/eims/eimscomm.getfile?p_download_id=502646).

This completes ORD/NCEA's response to your request. There is no cost to you for the processing of your request. Costs incurred were outside the chargeable categories. You may appeal this response to the National Freedom of Information Office, U. S. EPA, FOIA and Privacy Branch, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, (2822T), Washington, DC 20460 (U. S. Postal Service Only) Fax (202) 566-2147, E-mail [hq.foia@epa.gov](mailto:hq.foia@epa.gov). Only items mailed through the U. S. Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. If you are submitting your appeal via hand delivery, courier service or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 6416J, Washington, DC 20004. Your appeal must be in writing and submitted no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received

after the 30-calendar day limit. The appeal letter should include the case identification number: HQ-FOI-02037-12. For quickest possible handling, the appeal letter and its envelope should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

If you have any questions regarding this response, please contact Mr. Brent Bohn, ORD/NCEA at (703) 347-8542.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy E. Battaglia". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and "B".

Amy E. Battaglia, Director

Office of Program Accountability and  
Resource Management